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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 13, DWP CAFETERIA, 111 N. HOPE ST.

MARCH MEETING AT DWP

The March meeting of the SCDXC will be in the cafeteria at the Department of Water and Power. Get together with your friends for dinner before the meeting.

The speaker for the program will be Jim Stevenson, KM6B, who will have a slide presentation on the installation of towers and antennas at his new station.

MYSTERY GUEST AT MEETINGS

At each meeting someone (maybe a stranger, a new or old member) will be designated as the mystery guest. The first person to shake the guest's hand, introduce themself and make the guest feel welcome will be awarded a special prize during the meeting.

Come to the meeting and shake some hands - you might just come away with a very nice gift for your little extra added efforts.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Southern California DX Club welcomes the following new members:

William Drummond, WN6J
Paul Gordon, N6LL
Brent Johnson, KF6YM
Knox Johnson, W6PUW
John Kauke, N6JUO
Alan Mayer, WD9IRV
Philip Rodowsky, KG6PV

1986 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

The 37th Annual International DX Convention will take place April 18, 19, and 20th, 1986 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Visalia. For reservations call 209-651-5000.

Send registrations and checks to Don Bostrom, N6IC, 4447 Atoll Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

See Minutes of the February Meeting on page 2 for further information about the Convention.

W6MDH WINS MONTHLY ACTIVITY AWARDS

Jerry Dubson, W6MDH, is the winner of the January Monthly DX Activity Award. Congratulations to Jerry as the first winner of the new year.

Scores for all January entrants are presented below. The table shows call, total countries worked on phone, total on CW, total countries, number of repeater announcements, and total points.

	JANUARY				
Call	Ph	CW	Tot	Rpt	T Pt
W6MDH	75	3	78	75	231
N6OU	39	5	44	36	124
W6HT	4	12	16	11	43

ARRL DX CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries for the ARRL International Phone and CW DX Contests must be postmarked before April 1, 1986. Logs should be sent to ARRL. To participate in the Club competition you must also send your summary sheet to Contest Chairman John Alexander, K6SVL, 28403 Covecrest Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Coming Contests with DX interest include:
Mar 29-30 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
May 24-25 CQ WW WPX CW Contest

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS STILL AVAILABLE

Contact Club treasurer Russ Mason, KG6IP, if you would like to place a late order for the Christmas photo at $5 each.

MARCH PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.
AHLBD-Above, High, Low, Below, Disturb

1-L	8-A	15-L	22-L	29-L
2-L	9-L	16-H	23-L	30-B
3-H	10-D	17-L	24-H	31-B
4-B	11-D	18-L	25-L	
5-B	12-L	19-B	26-A	
6-L	13-H	20-B	27-H	
7-H	14-A	21-L	28-L	

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13 MEETING
By Russ Mason, KG6IP, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Dan Davitt, N6CGB, SCDXC President.

It was noted that our return to the DWP was due to the efforts of Chuck Lobb, KN6H, Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, and Councilwoman Joy Picus. Art Enockson, W6EA, suggested that we write a letter of thanks to Councilwoman Picus.

A motion carried that the winner of the Monthly DX Activity Award should not be the same as the previous month. This will have no effect on the Annual W6AM DX Activity Award which is judged on the total contacts for the year.

Chris Williams, KG6AR, reported that rooms are still available at the Lamp Lighter Motel in Visalia.

Self introductions were made at this time including several guests and new members.

Don Bostrom, N6IC, made a Convention report. Prizes for the Convention include: a TS-940, FT-757, IC-751, Henry 2K amplifier, 75-meter rotateable dipole, and a Heil microphone. There will be entertainment at the lady's luncheon. There will probably be two groups from China: one with two operators from BY1QH; and one with four operators from BY1PK accompaning JA1BK. The Club will play host to the two guests from BY1QH. Volunteers are needed to put them up and take them sightseeing during several days prior to the Convention.

Tex Myers, N6AHV, gave his "Rumors Around the Bands" report. Don, N6IC, reminded the Club about the Clipperton Award and also that nominations for DXer of the Year were to be sent to KG6IP.

It was announced that there is a plaque offered by YASME for contacts with it's members.

Copies of INSIDE DX, a new DX bulletin, and a QSL list were made available for all in attendance.

The Christmas photos were available to be picked up during the break.

Irv Emig, W6GC, announced that volunteers with 220 or 2-meter handhelds were needed to help with communications for the LA Marathon.

It was announced that the proper QSL route for the Olympic QSL cards was via the W6 QSL Bureau.

It was announced that there was a commemorative QSL available from JPL for the W6VIO Uranus encounter special event operation.

There was a request for volunteers to help activate the eleven southern counties in California. This is for operations during the first weekends in May and July in cooperation with the Texas DX Society.

Don, N6IC, won the Club Patch Design Contest.

John Alexander, K6SVL, Club Contest Chairman requested more participation in the ARRL DX Contests this month.

Glen, W6KZL, announced that Al Sargent, W6QXB, is a Silent Key.

Keith Hoyt, K6GXO, gave a slide presentation on his trips to V2A. Some items from V2A were on display at the front table.

Raffle prizes were won by KM6B, WO6Q, W6AE, K7EG, W6CN, K6SVL, N6CQG, W6OES, WK6V, KG6PV, and KB6V.

LETTER FROM LLOYD AND IRIS COLVIN

Africa, 3 February 1986

Dear Friends,

We have concluded three weeks YASME DXpedition on the air as A25/W6KG. More and more countries are issuing visitors amateur licenses with the prefix of the country first, followed by a slant bar and then the home call of the radio amateur. We made 6500 QSOs with radio amateurs in 135 countries.

We were assisted by Mac, A24KM, who is with Radio Botswana and Gerald, A22TJ, who is with a local automotive training school.

We lived in a motel which was in the general area where a raid was made a few months ago by South African troops. About 15 people were killed in the raid.

A call sign starting A25 is rare and we enjoyed big pile-ups on both CW and SSB. We had QSOs on 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. The 10 meter band was almost dead and not many QSOs were made on 80 meters.

Our next stop will be Zimbabwe and after that we are hoping for either Zambia or Malawi.

Please pass this information on to all interested.

73 es 88

Lloyd Colvin, W6KG Iris Colvin, W6QL

COMING DX ATTRACTIONS

A25 BOTSWANA. Sam, A25/ZS6BRZ, Mar 29-30 in CQ WPX SSB Contest.

C30 ANDORRA. Luis, ZP5JCY, will be active from Andorra March 12 - 19 as C30LCK primarily on 40, 80, and 160 meters.

FS7 ST. MARTIN IS. Gary, NI8K, starting April 5 on 14170 and 3795.

JD1 OGASAWARA ISLANDS. The Tokyo University Amateur Radio Club will operate JA1ZLO/JD1 March 27 - April 3 in CQ WPX Contest

JY8 JORDAN. Gerry, WA6POZ, Mar 29-30 in CQ WPX SSB Contest as JY8GG.

YA AFGHANISTAN. Rumor of operation by Soviet DXers as YA0A or YA1A.

ZK3 TOKELAU ISLANDS. Ron, ZL1AMO, will operate ZK3RW and Roly, ZL1BQD, will operate ZK3RR from March 17 to April 20.

5W1 WESTERN SAMOA. Ron, ZL1AMO, will operate 5W1CW March 12-15.

CONTINUING DX ATTRACTIONS

AP PAKISTAN. AP2ZA active on 14190 at 0230 most evenings, QSL W6NLG

BV TAIWAN. BV2DA on 7010 daily from 1345. QSL via DL7FT.

BY CHINA. BY5RA active on 20 CW between 14015 to 14030 around 0100.

FR/T TROMELIN IS. FR7AI/T all bands CW and SSB til Mar 31. QSL CBA.

J5 GUINEA-BISSAU. J52UAC and J52UAH on 14236 at 1800 on Saturdays.

JW SVALBARD. JW0A active on 14020 at 1430. QSL via SP2HMT.

S79 SEYCHELLES. Clive, S79CW, on 14188 daily from 1800. QSL to CBA.

TA TURKEY. TA1E on 3695 QSX 3795 at 0230 and 14036 at 1600. QSL to Box 794, Istanbul.

TL CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. TL8MEF on 14025 at 2015. QSL via F6KNT.

TZ MALI. Alex, TZ2XN, on 3792 at 0230, QSL via DK3HL. Dyane, TZ6FS, on 14155 at 1540, QSL via DL4BC. TZ6LPY on 14160 at 2200.

UA1 FRANZ JOSEF LAND. UA1OT on 7004 at 0445. QSL via UB5KW. UV100 on 14021 at 2155.

UH TURKOMAN. UH3EC around 7015 from 2315. QSL via bureau.

VQ9 CHAGOS. VQ9RB active around 14025-30 from 1700. QSL via WA6SXL. VQ9QM on 21025 at 1500 and 14025 at 1600. QSL via W4QM.

XU CAMBODIA. XU1SS on W7PHO Net on 14227 at 2300 often on Saturdays

3B8 MAURITIUS. 3B8FP active on 14183 around 1800.

3V TUNISIA. 3V8PS on 14002 from 1630 and 14190 from 1800, QSL IN3RZY.

4S7 SRI LANKA. Paul, 4S7PVR, around 14180 at 1615. QSL via F6FNU.

5H3 TANZANIA. Keith, 5H3QM, active around 3795 at 0400, QSL VE7QM. Pat, 5H3ZO, near 14028 from 1830. QSL via K0LST.

5N NIGERIA. Chuck, KC7UU/5N6, active on 14023 at 2030, QSL K6EDV.

5Z KENYA. Brenda, 5Z4BF, and OM Len, 5Z4DU, on Snooky's Net 14183 from 2000, QSL both via KE4DA. 5Z4JD on 14029 at 1800.

6T SUDAN. 6T2BA on 14160-65 from 2100. QSL to Box 1533, Khartoum.

9G GHANA. 9G/DL0MAR til Mar 11, all bands. 9G2XX on 14160 at 2200.

9L SIERRA LEONE. 9L1IS active on 14236 at 0030, QSL Box 10 Freetown. 9L1YL on 14193 at 2130. QSL via Box 992, Freetown.

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EFFECTIVE USE OF THE 2-METER REREATER FOR DX ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Tom Orr, W6AT

The DX Club's 2-meter repeater does a lot to generate interest in DX and is generally very useful. There are a few ways its effectiveness could be increased. Probably the least effective DX announcement would be as follows: "HK6AL on 14.215, this is W6HT."

Chances are most people would miss the DX station's call, given the ambient noise in the average ham shack and no opportunity to even turn down the gain on the main receiver or turn up the gain on the 2-meter receiver. There is also a question on the legality of the transmission.

A more effective DX announcement would be as follows: "QST DX Announcement. Columbia, HK6AL on 14.215. Columbia, Hotel Kilo 6 Alpha Lima on 14.215, this is W6HT."

The "QST DX Announcement" has two functions: (1) it gives everyone a chance to turn down the gain of the main receiver; and (2) it identifies the transmission as being of interest to radio amateurs, thus making it legal. Don Wallace, W6AM, used to always say "Give the name of the country." This helps should you miss the call. This is also a big help for areas where the call letters are changing frequently, such as in the Caribbean, Africa, or even the new ZL prefixes.

Announcements that start out with the DX station's call almost invariably bring an inquiry for a repeat and take more time in the long run.

So remember, if the first thing you say into the DX repeater is the DX station's call, you're doing it wrong. Also, don't be afraid to announce it a second time even if it has already been announced. Not everyone catches it the first time. It is better to have it announced two or three times than not at all.